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THE DIVINE GENEALOGY

Even the most avid Bible student probably finds the genealogies of Christ in the gospel accounts of Matthew and Luke to be a less than exciting study. Yet the Holy Spirit inspired two different gospel writers to include His genealogy as a proof that He was uniquely and indisputably the Christ of prophecy. There are things about the genealogical records of Matthew's account that differ from Luke's account, and for good reasons. Even though they differ, they do so without contradicting one another. Let's notice some things about the genealogy of Christ.



MATTHEW

Matthew presented the genealogy of Jesus to a Jewish audience. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise first given to Abraham, father of the Jewish race. To the Jew, the first test of authenticity is the genealogy. If Jesus fails that test, nothing He said or did mattered—He cannot be the Christ. Thus, the first thing to establish is the genealogy (Mt. 1:1-17).

Matthew begins with Abraham and works forward in time.

He establishes the link between Jesus and David by showing the succession of kings from David to Babylonian exile.

He shows the direct link with the recipients of messianic promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David and then the arrival of the angel Gabriel to the parents of John and Jesus.

Matthew traces the bloodline of Jesus through His foster-father to the line of kings descending from David. To the Jew, this establishes the legal right to claim that Jesus descends from the house of David (birthright laws go through the father's line).

Matthew makes his genealogy neatly divide into three sections of 14 generations each. This explains why Matthew skipped over some of the kings of Judah (Ahaziah, Joash, and Amaziah). Yet every Jew would have known the positions of the kings omitted, and their omissions did not contradict the succession from David to Jesus.

Righteous and evil men are in His genealogy. Two Gentile women are in the genealogy of Christ. To a Jew, this does no harm since the Jews traced the bloodline through the father. To the Gentile, this demonstrates that God had prepared a Savior for all the world. Only Jesus can be proven by genealogy to be the Christ of prophecy.

With the destruction of the temple in AD 70, all genealogical tables were lost. It is impossible for anyone coming after Jesus to prove themselves to be the Christ from Scripture. God covered all the bases! As Paul said, "In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him" (Eph. 1:8-9).

LUKE

Luke presented the genealogy of Jesus to a Gentile audience and approached it from their mindset. For the Gentiles, proving that Jesus was a direct descendant of Abraham was of great value; but knowing that He descended from Adam makes Him less a Jewish Savior and more a universal Savior.

Luke wrote to a Gentile by the name of Theophilus and begins with the birth of Jesus and works backward all the way to Adam.

Luke will not provide his genealogy until after he had recorded the baptism of Jesus (Lk. 3:23-38). This is the logical place to insert the Savior's genealogy since a Gentile reader would have no interest in the family records of a Jew unless that Jew was a Savior to all mankind.

Luke traces the bloodline of Jesus through His mother, Mary, to the line of kings descending from David. Matthew established that Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary (Mt. 1:16), and Luke shows that Jesus' grandfather was Eli (Lk. 3:23). Thus, Eli was the father-in-law of Joseph, while Jacob was his actual father.



We are each made from a precious metal. We are five in number. We represent five kings, but they are not of the house of David. Who are we?

Answer to last week's question: Titus, who was sent to Crete, was finally sent to Dalmatia by Paul (2 Tim. 4:10). Titus at Dalmatia is the correct answer. James Maxcey submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, April 6, 2017:

- Thursday—1 Corinthians 1-2
- Friday—Genesis 32-35
- Saturday—Judges 17-21
- Sunday—Psalms 24-26
- Monday—Job 17-18
- Tuesday—Isaiah 45-50
- Wednesday—Matthew 23-25

For the Record—4-2-17	
Sunday AM	162
Sunday PM	52
Wednesday (3-29-17)	47
Contribution	\$4,856
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$63,377
YTD Budget	\$81,200

Dearest Church Family,

Words cannot express how truly grateful we are to have had this opportunity to know you all and serve here. You have always been and will continue to be in our daily prayers.

Thanks to you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for the dinner and hugs and overwhelming generosity. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

May God continue to always bless each of you in your work here.

If you ever find your way to Savannah Georgia, please look us up!

In Christian Love,
 Greg & Linda
 Kylee & Matthew

KEPT IN PRAYER

Dawn Bell continues to improve, but her release date from TIRR has been postponed pending additional testing by her primary doctor. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

David Smith is in ICU in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. He has pneumonia and is on a breathing machine to relieve the stress in breathing. Please continue to pray for him and the family.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Debbie Brown, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Harold & Alice Moore, Becky Nicholson, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry. **Others:** Carol Addison, Leona Anderson, Catherine Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Jay Langley, Jason & Jenny Langley, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trena Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Butch Sapp, Shirley Scarsdale, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin & Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend), Dakota (baby boy of Lianne Biegay's friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Adams is our contact elder for April. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

April 2017

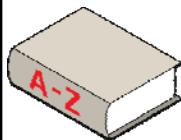
- 5 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Elders are serving chili. Please bring your favorite side dishes. Service areas begin at 7 PM.
- 8 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 12 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 26 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 30 Friends & Family Day



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of **May 1-5, 2017**. We need to collect the following:

Coffee (please check the expiration date)

Please bring your items by Sunday, April 30. Arms of Hope did not specify quantity, but let's have a generous donation.



It's time for a new Pocket Directory! Please review the sheets on the bulletin board and make necessary changes by April 23, 2017. Thanks.

The ladies in the April food preparation group are: Leah Bateman, Lacey Gartrell, Susan Lenamon, and Jean Coe. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

2017 sign-up sheets for communion preparation and sound/projector are on the bulletin board. We are also in need of more volunteers for nursery duty and leading the youngsters in song before the services.

April Birthdays

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| 2 Morgan Cuellar | 2 Derek Mauney |
| 3 Wendell Romain | 3 Dianne Westmoreland |
| 7 Jack Chisum | 7 Elaine Genaro |
| 7 Blake Williams | 13 Shawn Cravens |
| 13 Tracey Mauney | 14 Jean Coe |
| 16 Brenton Cook | 19 Michael Terry |
| 23 Charlie Story | 25 Lacey Gartrell |
| 28 Lucille Adams | 30 Angela Terry |

April Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 John & Lacey Gartrell | 9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar |
| 18 Don & Connie Powell | 25 Josh & Ashley Hundley |

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Wednesday Evening April 5	Wednesday Evening April 12
Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale WNWTM	Building Lock Up—Gary Adams

Morning Worship April 9	Morning Worship April 16
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Daniel Brown
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	Presiding: Zack Williams
Tom Langford Blake Williams	Jake Satterwhite Josh Hundley
Paul Hamilton Phil Godwin	James Maxcey Nathan Scarsdale
Daniel Brown Russell Genaro	Jimmy Terry Bob Williams
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Appeal Byers Sarah White	Nina Layton Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Grayson Townzen, M Fabian	*Lynn Adams, Charlie Story, Bobby Parker
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Riggs, Whitmire	Riggs, Whitmire
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion Blake Williams, Daniel Brown	Communion Jimmy Terry, Bob Williams
Closing Prayer Gary Adams	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

James Maxcey
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Zack Williams Youth Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Gobé
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm